GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2541
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2001
MATERNAL MORTALITY RATIO
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the place where India stands in pregnancy related deaths as per recent WHO report;

(b) the present Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in India as compared to MMR of our neighbouring countries;

(c) the figures in this regard for the year 2000-2001, State-wise;

(d) whether the number of MMR has come down during 2000- 2001 as compared to 1997-1998 figures; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OFHEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (e) Statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2541 FOR 14.3.2001

a) The estimates of Maternal Mortality Ratio-1990have been published in the WHO report, `Women of South-East Asia -A Health Profile`. According to this publication, India has the 3rd lowest MMR among the 8 South-East Asian Countries. According to the 1997 World Population Data Sheet published by Population Reference Bureau, USA, India ranks 47th among 198 countries in descending order of Maternal Mortality Ratio.

b) The estimates for Maternal MortalityRatio for the neighboring countries for comparable periods are not available. A comparison of MMR based on the WHO/UNICEF estimates for 1990 and the national estimates of these countries as available is given below:

Country	Maternal deaths per 100,000 Live birth WHO/UNICEF Estimates (1990)	Maternal deaths per 100,00 Live birth National Estimates
Bangladesh	850	449(1994)
Bhutan	1600	380(1994)
India	570	407(1998)
Indonesia	650	390(1994)
Myanmar	580	100 Urban(l 994-95) 180 Rural (1994-95)
Nepal	1500	539(1990-96)
Sri Lanka	140	24(1995)
Thailand	200	43.9(1996)
Pakistan	340	N.A

(c) ,(d) &(e) Latest estimates on Maternal MortalityRatio published by RGI are for the year 1998. A statementshowing MMR for India and major States for 1997 and 1998 is Annexed. Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) ,(d) & (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2541 to be answered on 14.3.2001

Maternal Mortality Rate India and Bigger States (Source: RGI, SRS,1997, 1998)

Major State	MMR (1997)	MMR (1998)
India	408	407
Andhra Pradesh	154	150
Assam	401	409
Bihar	451	452
Gujarat	29	28
Haryana	105	103
Karnataka	195	195
Kerala	195	198
Madhya Pradesh	498	498
Maharashtra	135	135
Orissa	361	367
Punjab	196	199
Rajasthan	677	670
Tamil Nadu	76	79
Uttar Pradesh	707	707
West Bengal	264	266